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INTRODUCTION.

THAT Union is Strength is a maxim universally felt. It is indispensable to the preservation of all social as well as political institutions. It, moreover, promotes and cherishes those feelings of mutual love and affection which form one of the distinguishing characteristics of our species; and its prevailing influence gives to our obedience to the precept, "Love the brotherhood; fear God; honour the king," a strength and an endurance which cannot easily be shaken. Hence it is that for the attainment of objects of general or public value so many Societies are formed; but there are none in which the affections of the heart are so warmly engaged as in those which are formed by the dwellers in a foreign land, or in a remote colony, to keep alive and to cherish the fond remembrance of the country and the scenes and the associations from which they have become voluntary exiles. Surely the greatness of one's native country, and the value of its laws and civil and religious institutions, must give much additional force to the feelings which prompt such an Union.

What wonder, then, that Britons are found warmly uniting in all countries where they are settled, for a purpose so hallowed? And if there be one country in which Britons have stronger inducements than in any other to form such an Union, that country is Canada. Here is to be found the double motive of cherishing, in the descendants of Englishmen, Scotchmen, and Irishmen, born in the colony, their veneration for every thing British, and their attachment to British laws and British rule, and of holding out the hand of welcome, and of brotherly love, and of charity, to those numerous and frequently distressed countrymen whom the pressure of a superabundant population is annually forcing to emigrate to this distant land.

It is with such feelings and such views that the ST. GEORGE'S SOCIETY of this city has been formed, embracing those who are natives of England, or descendants of natives of England, or descendants of natives of the United Kingdom, born in British Possessions abroad.

MONTREAL, December, 1834.

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

ST. GEORGE'S SOCIETY

OF MONTREAL.

REVISED AND AMENDED, 1st AUGUST, 1855.

ARTICLE I.

The Title of this Society shall be "THE ST. GEORGE'S SOCIETY OF MONTREAL."

ARTICLE II.

No person who is not a Native of England, or a descendant of a Native of England, or a descendant of a Native of the United Kingdom, born in the British Possessions abroad, shall be a resident member of this Society.

ARTICLE III.

No person shall be admitted a member of this Society unless chosen by ballot; and no one shall be balloted for unless nominated at a previous meeting, (except Honorary Members, who may be proposed and elected at the same meeting.) No election shall be held unless ten members be present, and if three negative votes appear against a candidate he shall not be elected.

ARTICLE IV.

The Society shall meet four times in every year, to wit: on the tenth days of the months of January, April, July, and October respectively; and shall dine together on St. George's Day. Either of those meetings falling on Sunday, the same shall be held on the day following. It shall also be the duty of the Secretary to report at each Annual Meeting, the tenth day of January, the names of all members who may have joined the Society within the preceding year; also the names of those deceased, absent from the District, or otherwise withdrawn from the Society during that period; and he shall also make and keep an annual alphabetical list of all the members, with the time of their having joined the Society, as well as the period of their withdrawal, and the cause, set opposite to their respective names.

ARTICLE V.

A President, a First and Second Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, one or more Physicians, and six Stewards, shall be elected annually on the tenth of January. Officers who have served the preceding year may be re-chosen. The election shall be by ballot, and a plurality of votes shall decide. The President shall be first chosen, and duly announced to the meeting; and afterwards the rest of the officers shall be balloted for. A Charitable Committee of five, and a Committee of Accounts, to consist of three members, shall be appointed annually, on the tenth day of January. These Committees, and all Special Committees, shall be nominated by the presiding officer, and appointed by the vote of the members present. The duty of the Office Bearers shall commence from the day of their election or nomination, the tenth day of January in each year. The two Vice-Presidents shall be severally elected, and not be elected with the other Officers. No Officer shall be re-elected to office for the ensuing year, after two years' service, except by an absolute majority of three-fourths of the votes of the members present. That all Ministers of the Gospel, members of St. George's Society, shall be, *ex officio*, members of the Charitable Committee.

ARTICLE VI.

Every member shall pay to the Treasurer an admission fee of two dollars and an annual subscription of three dollars; and members of all St. George's Societies, becoming resident members of this Society, shall be exempt from the payment of the admission fee.

ARTICLE VII.

On the payment by any member of a sum not less than fifty dollars, the same shall be accepted in lieu of any further subscription or contribution. And the sum thus paid, as well as any donation to the Society, or any pay-

ment from an Honorary Member, (as far as the same shall exceed the sum of fifteen dollars,) shall be invested into some permanent fund, the interest only of which shall be placed among the distributable funds of the Society.

ARTICLE VIII.

The Charitable Committee may distribute any sum or sums of money in charity at their discretion, provided the amount does not exceed the income of the Society. But their distribution shall be limited to indigent members of this Society, and to Englishmen, or to their widows and children.

ARTICLE IX.

No resident of this city, who is eligible to be a member of the Society, shall be admitted as a visitor at the anniversary dinner more than once, nor be made an Honorary Member.

ARTICLE X.

A majority of votes shall decide every question, except in balloting for new members, or on a motion to annul or alter any of the rules of the Society; in which latter case three-fourths shall be requisite; the presiding officer to vote, if he thinks fit. No number under twenty-four shall constitute a meeting for the purpose of making or altering Rules or By-laws; but for the transaction of other business ten shall form a quorum.

ARTICLE XI.

The President, or in his absence a Vice-President, shall have the power to call special meetings, on giving at least three days' notice to the resident members, naming the object of the meeting, and the time and place.

ARTICLE XII.

No alteration shall be made in this Constitution, unless such alteration shall have been proposed at a previous quarterly meeting.

In accordance with the resolution passed at the quarterly meeting of the Society, held on July 10th at the Committee Rooms, the foregoing Constitution of the St. George's Society of Montreal has been revised and amended.

JAMES PARKIN,
Secretary.

MONTREAL, *6th February*, 1856.

BY-LAW

OF THE

ST. GEORGE'S SOCIETY

OF MONTREAL.

1.—The President, with the concurrence of the Vice-Presidents and Treasurer, or one of them, shall appoint the place for holding the established Quarterly Meetings. He may also call Special Meetings at his pleasure, of all which he shall give timely notice to the Secretary. It shall be his duty to preside at these meetings, and generally to superintend the concerns of the Society.

2.—In the absence of the President at any meeting, the First Vice-President, or, he being absent, the Second, shall exercise the same authority that would have appertained to the President, if personally present.

3.—The Treasurer shall have the custody of all the money, papers, and effects belonging to the Society, (except the Book of Minutes and other documents directed to remain with the Secretary,) which he shall carefully preserve and keep for their use. His accounts shall be fairly stated, and produced for the inspection of the Committee of Accounts whenever called for, and exhibited on or before the 10th day of January in every year, signed by a majority of the Committee of Accounts, and countersigned by the President. The Treasurer, on leaving office, shall deliver to his successor, the books, papers, and other effects remaining in his hands; or in the absence of the Treasurer last appointed, the same shall be lodged with the President until he shall be ready to enter on his duties. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to honour and pay the drafts of the Charitable Committee generally; but if the party in whose favour the same may be issued shall have received assistance from the Society within the last preceding

month, or if the sum of twenty dollars shall have been given to the same person or family within the last year, he shall withhold the payment of such drafts until authorized by a special appropriation by the Society for that object, or by the signatures of all the members of the Charitable Committee and of the President.

4.—The Secretary shall keep a fair register of all proceedings, orders, rules, and regulations of the Society, and shall cause the same to be entered in a suitable book provided for that purpose, a duplicate of which shall be lodged with the President. He shall summon the Society to the Quarterly and Annual Meetings, and give notice on any other occasions on which he may be directed so to do by the President, or in his absence by one of the Vice-Presidents. He shall sign such cards of invitation to the anniversary dinner as may be requested of him by any two of the Stewards. The Assistant Secretary shall aid the Secretary in the execution of his duties, and supply his place when absent.

5.—The Stewards shall make arrangements for the anniversary dinner, and, with the concurrence of the President in the name of the Society, invite such strangers of distinction as may be in the city, and also invite such other persons as a majority of them may choose, the charge of all whom shall be sustained by the Members joining in the dinner.

6.—The Charitable Committee shall meet together at least once in each quarter, and confer with the Treasurer as to the state of the funds, &c. In all cases where a greater sum than five dollars is given at one time, the order upon the Treasurer shall be signed by at least two members of the Committee.

7.—It shall be the duty of the Committee of Accounts to audit those of the Treasurer, and to confer with him respecting delinquents, &c. ; and they shall, with the concurrence of the President and Vice-Presidents, direct the Treasurer to invest, in the joint names of the President, Treasurer, and Secretary, for the time being, in such security as they may jointly approve, such portion of the Charitable Funds as they may deem prudent.

8.—To preserve order, and to expedite the business of the Society, any member who may have proposals to make or observations to offer upon any proposition, shall rise and address the President; and no person shall interrupt another while speaking, if the speaker be in order.

9.—Any member proposing a person to be admitted into this Society shall, if the candidate be elected, be answerable for the admission fee.

10.—The annual subscription shall be considered due and payable on the 23rd of April in every year; and if any member shall neglect to pay his subscription for more than one year (unless he be in indigent circumstances, of which the Committee of Accounts shall judge) after he shall have been called upon by the Collector and one of the Committee of Accounts, the

name of such member and circumstances of the case shall be stated to the Society at the next Quarterly Meeting; and it shall be competent to the Society to declare that such person has forfeited his membership.

11.—Any member being absent a year or more than a year at one time, may, if he thinks fit, decline paying his subscription for the period he has been absent; and on his stating in writing to the Treasurer the time of his absence, the charge standing against him in the Treasurer's books shall be annulled.

12.—Any resident member who may remove from the district may, upon application, have his name transferred from the list of Resident to that of Honorary Members; but his future residence will again subject him to the payment of dues as a Resident Member.

13.—The members of this Society shall faithfully observe and conform to all the rules and regulations that shall be made by the Society and entered in the books thereof, on pain of being dismissed from it, and having their names erased from the list of members.

14.—If a majority of all the members present at any General Meeting shall vote for the expulsion of a member, his name shall be erased, and he shall never afterwards be admitted to attend any meeting of the Society unless again elected by ballot as in the first instance.

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ORIGINAL MEMBERS

OF THE

ST. GEORGE'S SOCIETY

OF MONTREAL,

ESTABLISHED 1834.

First Quarterly Meeting held on the 10*th January*, 1835.

PRESIDENT,...	HON. GEORGE MOFFATT.
1ST VICE-PRESIDENT, ...	GEORGE GREGORY, Esq.
2ND VICE-PRESIDENT, ...	JOHN MOLSON, Jun., Esq.
TREASURER,...	FREDERICK GRIFFIN.
SECRETARY,...	SAMUEL TUBBY.
ASSISTANT SECRETARY, ...	ARTHUR C. WEBSTER.
1ST PHYSICIAN, ...	THOMAS WALTER JONES, M. D.

STEWARDS.

JAMES HOLMES,
EDWARD J. S. MAITLAND,
CHARLES PENNER,
TEAVILL APPLETON,
ISAAC VALENTINE,
WILLIAM SNAITH.

CHARITABLE COMMITTEE.

BENJAMIN HALL,
GEORGE WEATHERIT,
HENRY CORSE,
JOHN PLATT,
TURTON PENN.

COMMITTEE OF ACCOUNTS.

ALBERT FURNISS, BENJAMIN SMITH, JOSEPH SHUTER.

Hon. G. Moffat,
S. Gerrard,
George Gregory,
H. Griffin,
Joseph Shuter,
John Molson, Jr.,
George Crewe Davies,
H. W. Jackson,
Benjamin Hall,
W. Badgley,
F. Badgley.
John T. Badgley,
J. Henry Lambe,
Edward J. S. Maitland,
John P. Ashton,
Wm. Bradbury,
W. Hall,
George Weatherit,
A. C. Webster,
Chilion Ford,
Wm. Sharp.

John Platt,
Samuel Tubby,
Charles B. Radenhurst,
F. Griffin,
James Duncan Gibb,
T. Appleton,
Wm. Stephens,
Thomas Phillips,
Hon. John Molson,
John Jones,
Thomas B. Wragg,
Charles Penner,
John Carter,
Turton Penn,
M. Radiger,
Benjamin Ansell,
James Holmes,
William Pring,
John Millichap,
Henry Dyer,
R. H. Hamilton.

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Gentlemen who have acted as Presidents of the Society,

SINCE ITS FORMATION IN 1834.

THE HON. GEORGE MOFFATT, ...1834, 1835, 1836, 1837.

THE HON. JOHN MOLSON, ...1838.

THE HON. GEORGE MOFFATT, ...1839, 1840, 1841.

THE HON. WILLIAM BADGELY, ...1842, 1843.

HENRY GRIFFIN, Esq.,.....1844, 1845.

CHARLES PENNER, Esq.,..... .....1846, 1847.

C. H. CASSELS,..... .. ..1848.

W. F. COFFIN,..... .....1849, 1850.

JOHN JONES,..... ....1851.

JOHN DYDE, ...1852, 1853.

T. W. JONES, M.D.,.....1854, 1855.

H. H. WHITNEY, M.P.P., ...1856.

LIST OF OFFICERS OF THE ST. GEORGE'S SOCIETY OF MONTREAL, ELECTED 10TH JANUARY, 1856.

PRESIDENT,.....H. H. WHITNEY, ESQ., M.P.P.
1ST VICE PRESIDENT,.....HENRY BULMER, ESQ.
2ND VICE PRESIDENT, ...J. D. GIBB, ESQ.
TREASURER, ...JOHN JONES, ESQ.
SECRETARY, ...JAMES PARKIN.
ASSISTANT SECRETARY,.....W. S. WALKER.

CHAPLAINS.

REV. CANON LEACH,
REV. W. BOND,
VEN. ARCHDEACON LOWER.

PHYSICIANS.

T. W. JONES, ESQ., M.D.
A. F. HOLMES, ESQ., M.D.
W. E. SCOTT, ESQ., M.D.

CHARITABLE COMMITTEE.

THOS. IRELAND, Chairman,
RICHARD BIRKS,
G. SWINBURN,
C. F. DREDGE,
B. HILL.

STEWARDS.

G. LULHAM,
JOHN JUBB,
JAMES HARRISON,
T. STEPHENS,
JOHN LEEMING,
H. IRISH.

COMMITTEE OF ACCOUNTS.

JOHN ABBOTT,
R. H. HAMILTON,
JOHN LEWIS.

LIST OF MEMBERS OF THE ST. GEORGE'S SOCIETY.

Abbot, John,	10th	April,	1845.
Bond, Rev. Wm.	10th	January,	1850.
Barry, Wm.	10th	"	1851.
Bulmer, Wm.	10th	"	"
Bower, George,	10th	"	"
Bridgeman, John,	10th	"	"
Breary, Samuel,	10th	"	1852.
Birks, Richard,	11th	April,	1853.
Boon, Wm.,	11th	"	"
Binmore, George,	11th	"	"
Balchin, George,	12th	January,	1854.
Bulmer, Henry,	24th	April,	"
Budden, E. W.,	10th	"	1856.
Brockvell, Henry,	10th	"	"
Coffin, W. F.	23rd	"	1841.
Chapman, Henry,	10th	"	1843.
Cusack, C. T.,	10th	July,	1851.
Cramp, Thos.,	11th	April,	1852.
Carlisle, F.,	23rd	"	1854.
Carter, John,	10th	January,	1856.
Clarke, Edwin,	10th	"	"
Courtenay, W. V.,	10th	"	"
Dunkin, Christopher,	10th	October,	1845.
Dednam, Thos.,	23rd	April,	1851.
Derwent, Thos.,	10th	January,	"
Dredge, F. C.,	10th	"	1852.
Dangerfield, Wm.,	10th	"	"
Ellwell, Herbert,	10th	"	"
Footner, William,	10th	April,	1843.
Farrow, John,	23rd	"	1847.
Fish, Ralph,	10th	"	1852.
Gibb, J. D.,	19th	December,	1834.
Gerrard, Samuel,	26th	"	"
Griffin, Frederick,	26th	"	"
Geddes, Charles,	11th	April,	1836.
Graves, John,	10th	January,	1852.
Garth, Charles,	10th	"	"
Hamilton, Robert H.	26th	"	1834.
Hall, Benjamin,	26th	December,	"

Holmes, A. F., M. D.,	10th	April,	1835.
Honey, John,	10th	"	1837.
Hilton, John,	10th	"	"
Herbert, J. W.,	10th	July,	1843.
Hutton, James,	23rd	April,	1844.
Heward, Augustus,	10th	"	1850.
Holmes, James,	10th	"	"
Hawkins, Thomas,	10th	"	1852.
Hearle, James,	10th	"	"
Harmer, Daniel,	10th	"	"
Houghton, Charles,	10th	January,	"
Howe, H. A.,	11th	April,	1853.
Hill, Benjamin,	11th	"	"
Howell, Edmund,	24th	"	1854.
Hobbs, William,	10th	October,	"
Houghton, A.,	10th	April,	1855.
Handley, Thomas,	10th	"	"
Harrison, Thomas,	10th	"	"
Handley, Richard,	23rd	"	"
Hamilton, James Gavin,	10th	"	1856.
Isaacson, R. P.,	23rd	"	1850.
Ireland, Thomas,	10th	July,	1851.
Irish, Henry,	10th	November,	1854.
Isaacson, J. H.,	23rd	April,	1855.
Isaacson, Richard Wage,	10th	January,	1856.
Jones, Thomas W., M.D.,	26th	December,	1834.
Jones, John,	26th	"	"
Jones, John J.,	10th	July,	1843.
Jones, James M.,	11th	April,	1853.
Jacques, E. G.,	10th	"	1854.
Jubb, Thomas,	10th	November,	"
Jones, Thomas, D.,	10th	April,	1856.
Kerry, John,	10th	July,	1850.
Kerry, Anthony,	10th	October,	1855.
Leach, Rev. T. W.,	10th	April,	1844.
Leeming, John,	23rd	"	"
Lavender, Henry,	10th	January,	1852.
Levy, John,	10th	"	"
Lulham, George,	10th	"	"
Lamplough, H. T.,	10th	April,	1853.
Lower, Ven. Archdeacon,	10th	"	1855.
Lowe, John,	10th	January,	1856.
Land, Daniel,	10th	April,	"
Moffatt, Hon. George,	19th	December,	1834.

Molson, Hon. John,	19th	December,	1834.
Maitland, Edward,	19th	"	"
Musson, Thomas,	10th	April,	1836.
Moffatt, T. O.,	10th	"	1840.
Molson, John, Jr.,	23rd	"	1842.
Moffatt, George, Jr.,	10th	"	1843.
Matthews, George,	10th	July,	"
Molson, John H. R.,	10th	April,	1846.
Molson, George,	10th	"	"
Moore, George,	10th	January,	1852.
Masterman, William,	10th	"	1853.
Malone, William,	10th	April,	1855.
Martin, John,	23rd	"	"
Molson, Alexander,	10th	"	1856.
Nunn, George,	10th	January,	1855.
Noad, G.,	11th	April,	1853.
Noad, F.,	11th	"	"
Noad, J. Street,	24th	"	1854.
Ostell, John,	10th	January,	1845.
Palsgrave, C. T.,	11th	April,	1836.
Potts, James,	11th	"	1837.
Prowse, G. F.,	10th	"	1840.
Payne, Edward,	10th	"	"
Parkyn, William,	23rd	"	1850.
Parkin, James,	11th	"	1853.
Parker, R.,	11th	"	"
Penn, Frederick,	10th	"	1855.
Penny, Edward Goff,	10th	January,	1856.
Penner, John,	10th	"	"
Piper, John,	10th	April,	"
Routh, Haviland L.,	12th	February,	1836.
Shuter, Joseph,	19th	December,	1834.
Scott, W.E., M.D.,	10th	April,	1836.
Savage, Joseph,	10th	"	1840.
Savage, Alfred,	10th	July,	1843.
Shipway, J. G.,	10th	April,	1845.
Swinburn, George,	10th	January,	1852.
Scott, John,	11th	April,	1853.
Scott, Gilbert,	11th	"	"
Smith, W. H.	10th	"	1855.
Stephens, Thomas,	10th	"	"
Spence, Thomas,	23rd	"	"
Sparkes, George,	10th	January,	1856.
Scott, Henry,	10th	"	"

Thornton, John,	14th	January,	1836.
Townsend, W. A.,	23rd	"	1843.
Thomas, Henry,	23rd	"	1847.
Turner, T. H.,	11th	"	1853.
Toby, John,	12th	"	1854.
Thorne, William,	10th	April,	1855.
Turner, William,	23rd	"	"
Turner, John W.,	23rd	"	"
Tucker, Richard,	10th	October,	1855.
Thompson, John,	10th	April,	1856.
Webster, Arthur,	19th	December,	1834.
Williams, Miles,	14th	April,	1836.
Whitney, Hannibal H.,	10th	October,	1845.
Willgriss, George,	23rd	April,	1847.
Wood, Robert,	23rd	"	"
Warmington, Richard,	10th	January,	1852.
Walker, W. S.,	11th	"	1853.
Wand, Alexander,	11th	"	"
Wright, Edward,	10th	April,	1855.
Wilson, Abraham,	23rd	"	"

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A STATEMENT OF RELIEF GRANTED TO EMIGRANTS AND OTHERS, BY THE ST. GEORGE'S SOCIETY, FROM THE 1ST DAY OF JANUARY, 1855 TO 1ST DAY OF JANUARY, 1856.

70 Men, 36 Women, 119 Children,	£79 9s. 4d.

JOHN JONES,
Treasurer, St. George's Society.

In addition to which the Society sent to England the sum of two hundred and six pounds, towards the Patriotic Fund.

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